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of the Irish Pulpit, on the attention of the Irish public—and, in the words of Dr. Chalmers, (on a quite different occasion) would say to the publishers, "Go on, you must do good."

*Thoughts on the Death of the Rev. George Hamilton.* By the Rev. Peter Roe, Minister of St. Mary's, Kilkenny.—Dublin: R. M. Tims—183J.

To speak favourably, and yet not flatteringly of the dead, is no easy task; when death comes and shuts the scene of the life and labours of the virtuous, their memory comes back upon us sweetly and freshly, crowned as it were with the enriching dews of heaven, and freed by the awful change which has visited the mortal form, from all those frailties which must needs be cast upon the surface in the busy tide of life. But on the character of him whose decease gave rise to the 'Thoughts' before us, death could make no change: as the scholar, the man, and the Christian, he had long and most deservedly ranked high among his fellow labourers; and from an acquaintance of no short duration, we can bear testimony to the truth of Mr. Roe's rapid but characteristic sketch of his departed friend—who was indeed and in truth, as he says,

"A lover of the bible—a friend of truth—an enemy to, and an exposé of false doctrine—an advocate of free inquiry, and of the right of private judgment;—he brought to the pulpit, to the platform, and into society, a comprehensive mind, well stored with facts, not with speculations—extensive and diversified information—an intimate acquaintance with the Hebrew Scriptures—a memory which scarcely ever failed—an eloquence most convincing—a collectedness of spirit and manner, that was proof against taunts and captiousness—and a fearlessness that no aggression could daunt."

We fully agree with Mr. Roe in thinking, that in his death

"The Church of England has been deprived of one of her most enlightened

and useful ministers; the different religious societies of one of their most zealous supporters; his family of a relative, who, as a husband, a father, a son, and a brother, gave ample proof that his faith was not inoperative—but that while it gave peace to his soul, it made him conscientious in the discharge of every duty; his associates, of a friend, sincere and constant—his friendship was undeviating, like the principles upon which it was founded. In so selfish a world as this is, the death of such a man does, indeed, produce a chasm that may not readily be filled up."

With the excellent writer of this pamphlet, we sincerely hope, "that a sketch of the life and labours of the Rev. George Hamilton may be given to the public."

*Byzantium, and other Poems,* By B. A. Marshall.—Whittaker and Co. London. 1831

*Sketches of Genius, and other Poems,* by D. Corkindale.—Robins. London, 1831.

Having already, in another part of our publication, had occasion to speak of the poets and poetry of the present day, and feeling assured many of our readers will consider that a *quantum suff.* of the productions of Parnassus has already been ordered for insertion, we shall merely observe that, although in the little work of Mr. Marshall, there is nothing very splendid, or which would call forth a warmth of praise, there is still much to commend. It contains some very pretty strains of poetry—considerable feeling—and is free from any thing which we could decidedly condemn.

To "Sketches of Genius," by Mr. D. Corkindale, we may award the same meed of praise. It is an imitation of Byron however, and certainly gains nothing by the contrast which will naturally force itself upon the mind of every individual who has ever read a page of the noble bard's writings—and who has not?

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